

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 34 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

28. (Amended) Synthetic particle consisting of at least one nucleic acid sequence or nucleic acid derivative sequence and one protein having a molecular weight in the range from 3900 to 4300 and consisting predominantly of arginine, wherein an average diameter of the particle is between about 10 nm and 100 μ m.

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